

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment before the first Office Action.

Claims 27-44 are pending.

This divisional application is filed herewith following a restriction requirement in the parent application, 10/103,674, in which an election was made via telephone on June 5, 2003 to restrict examination in the parent application to method claims 1-26.

The specification is amended to add the priority claim to the parent application 10/103,674.

Claims 1-26 have been cancelled herein without prejudice since their subject matter is claimed in the parent application 10/103,674.

Claims 27 is amended to be written in independent form.

Claims 28 and 29 are amended to correct the claim dependencies so that these claims no longer depend from cancelled claims 7 and 9, respectively.

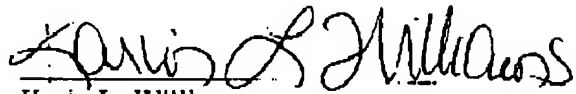
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits Claims 27-44 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

FEES

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,

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